

REMARKS

[0003] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 6, 8-14, 19-33, 39, 41-47, 52-66, 72, 74-80, and 85-103 are presently pending. Claims 6, 8, 10, 19, 39, 41, 43, 52, 72, 74, 76, 85, and 100 are amended herein; claims 1-5, 7, 15-18, 34-38, 40, 48 51, 67-71, 73, and 81-84 are cancelled herein; and new claims 101-103 are added herein.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0004] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0005] Please contact me or my assistant to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for us, I welcome your call to either of us as well. Our contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Claim Amendments and Additions

[0006] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 6, 8, 10, 19, 39, 41, 43, 52, 72, 74, 76, 85, and 100 herein.

[0007] Furthermore, Applicant adds new claims 101-103 herein. These new claims are fully supported by Application and therefore do not constitute new matter.

Formal Matters

[0008] This section addresses any formal matters (e.g., objections) raised by the Examiner.

Drawings

[0009] The Examiner objects to Figs. 1, 3, 6-7, 9, and 10 for including an erroneous black line. The Examiner further objects to the drawings for failing to include reference number 300. Herewith, Applicant submits a full set of replacement drawings to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

Claims

[0010] The Examiner objects to claims 6, 8-14, 19-33, 39, 41-47, 52-66, 72, 74-80, and 85-99 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner further indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims. Herein, Applicant amends claims 6, 8, 10, 19, 39, 41, 43, 52, 72, 74, 76, 85, and 100, as shown above, to place the claims in condition for allowance.

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under §§ 102 and/or 103

[0011] Claims 1-5, 7, 15-18, 34-38, 40, 48-51, 67-71, 73, 81-84, and 100 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or § 103. In light of the amendments presented herein, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

Dependent Claims

[0012] In addition to its own merits, each dependent claim is allowable for the same reasons that its base claim is allowable. Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of each dependent claim where its base claim is allowable.

Conclusion

[0013] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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